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Docket No.: 3597-127 Customer No.:

For: Papermaking Process Using Enzyme-Treated Sludge, and Products

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before May 17, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.